

Seattle City Council
**Housing, Human Services, Health and Culture Committee
Meeting**

2 p.m. Wednesday, July 13th, 2011

Words' Worth
The Poetry Program of the Seattle City Council

Curated by **Sibyl James**

Today's poet is **Emily Warn**

Emily Warn's latest of five poetry books is *Shadow Architect*, a spiritual journey through the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet. Her essays and poems appear widely, including in *The Seattle Times*, *Poetry*, *Poetry Northwest*, *KUOW*, and *The Writer's Almanac*. She currently offers courses at Richard Hugo House, and after serving for five years as editor-in-chief of poetryfoundation.org in Chicago, she is now happily back home in Seattle where she grows onions, reads murder mysteries, and rows three days a week at 5:30 a.m. with the Conibear Rowing Club.

Fog

by Emily Warn

One day I will become fog
and drift through spring trees
 half in petal half in leaf.
I will become the neighborhood,
assuming outlines of trees and bungalows
as grass assumes the broken ground
of a bulldozed lot. I will clothe
the body of the earth, the grey factory
and the blossoming magnolia
alike in their solitary communion with me.

I will return what fog gave me
in the years of my despair,
how I would sink into it
until my spirits rose out
of the half-hidden branches,
lifting as the fog lifted, returning
the world to itself as a gift.

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